

TOPIC Finsterwalde Airfield

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

1. Between 9:45 and 11:06 a.m. on 8 April 1952, there was flying at the Finsterwalde airfield by three jet bombers. Eight take-offs and landings were observed.

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2. [REDACTED]

3. At 4 p.m. on 18 April, there was flying by jet bombers at the installation. Formation flying was practiced also at a high altitude. The maximum number of jet bombers involved in these activities was 12. Twin-engine aircraft were also seen at the field. ** [REDACTED]

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4. On 23 April, 12 take-offs and landings by jet bombers were practiced at the field. The twin-engine planes previously seen at the installation were no longer seen. *** A radio installation was in operation west of the runway.

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5. Between 5 and 6:15 p.m. on 24 April, there was flying by jet bombers and B-25s at the installation. [REDACTED]

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* [REDACTED] Comment. There is a possibility that the two bomber regiments at the field which are being trained with jet bombers are receiving new type-27 or 30 planes by rail. New aircraft were sent by air to the units of the northern bomber division in the spring of 1951. The shipment by rail of jet bombers has not been observed to date.

** [REDACTED] Comment. These data furnish information concerning the advanced stage of training with the jet bombers available to the two bomber regiments in Finsterwalde.

*** [REDACTED] Comment. It has not been observed that the Pe-2s previously assigned to the bomber regiments at the field were transferred. It is therefore believed that these planes were parked in the numerous hangars of the installation during the time of observation.

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